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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

Southern Command personnel handled 1,179 crashes as compared to 1,383 crashes in May 2007. The total crashes decreased by 14.8% compared to last year. This reduction in crashes can be attributed to roadway improvements, multi-agency traffic enforcement initiatives on the highway, extensive public education efforts and the significant increases in fuel costs. When compared to last year, fatalities also decreased by 50%, this equates to 5 less fatal crashes in May 2008. The Southern Command preliminary documentation identified a 41.2 % decrease in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes as compared to last May. Of the 50 commercial vehicle crashes investigated this month, 7 resulted in injuries, 0 fatalities and the remaining 43 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 4.2% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command. Impaired drivers were responsible for 4.6% of all crashes in the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services Section of the Southern Command processed 1,362 crash reports in May. This resulted in 6,405 crash reports being mailed out, 3.4% less than last May. There were 905 visitors, requesting police services, at the Front Office which was a decrease of 9.4% when compared to May 2007.

The Southern Command Communication Center logged 24,864 CAD incidents and 36,119 telephone calls. The CAD incidents can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had a decrease in the overall traffic enforcement by 5.5% in May 2008, as compared to May 2007. DUI arrests from crashes remained the same as compared to last year. DUI arrests prior to crashes increased by 13.8% as compared to last year. Total arrests were down 3.6%.

The Commercial Enforcement Section increased its Hazardous moving violation citations by 50% and it's other citations by 30.7% as compared to last May. The number of Safety Inspections decreased by 5.2% compared to last year. This resulted in 72 vehicles and 39 drivers being placed "Out of Service".

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	May-08		May-07	% Change		April-08	% Change
Total crashes	1179		1383	-14.8%		1178	0.1%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	862		1028	-16.1%		886	-2.7%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	311		344	-9.6%		286	8.7%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	6		11	-45.5%		6	0.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	54		93	-41.9%		54	0.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	6		12	-50.0%		6	0.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	4		4	0.0%		2	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		2	-200.0%		1	-100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1		3	-66.7%		2	-50.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		1	-100.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1		3	-66.7%		0	100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	50		85	-41.2%		47	6.4%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	43		68	-36.8%		42	2.4%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	7		15	-53.3%		5	40.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		2	-200.0%		0	0.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes .5 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.6%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 80.0%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 4.2%
- ✱ Total crashes down 14.8 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 41.2% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes down 45.5 % as compared to last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	May-08		May-07	% Change		April-08	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	54		93	-41.9%		54	0.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	182		153	19.0%		160	13.8%
Other arrests	964		908	6.2%		1206	-20.1%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	427		397	7.6%		443	-3.6%
Speed violations	4360		3613	20.7%		4303	1.3%
Hazardous moving violations	2115		2222	-4.8%		2421	-12.6%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	807		676	19.4%		777	3.9%
Total violations [above violations included]	11660		10719	8.8%		12333	-5.5%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	126		76	65.8%		84	50.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	277		261	6.1%		212	30.7%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	731		1044	-30.0%		771	-5.2%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	5		12	-58.3%		13	-61.5%
Total safety violations -- citation	234		491	-52.3%		292	-19.9%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1035		2151	-51.9%		1387	-25.4%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	72		131	-45.0%		86	-16.3%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	39		84	-53.6%		48	-18.8%
Total school buses inspected	291		137	112.4%		152	91.4%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	47		25	88.0%		6	683.3%
Total trucks weighed	1590		1816	-12.4%		1421	11.9%
Total overweight citations	32		52	-38.5%		40	-20.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	512		1055	-51.5%		790	-35.2%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	1		13		2
Safety Violations Citation			5		4
Safety Violations Repair Order			15		
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"					
Dyed Fuel Inspections			6		
Dyed Fuel Citations					

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.14%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 33 years old.
- ✱ 1% of the DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 4% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	May 2008		May 2007	% Change		April 2008	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	341,717		354,151	-3.5%		343,952	-0.6%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	1,650,784		895,592	84.3%		1,642,833	0.5%
CAD Incidents	24,864		26,178	-5.0%		25,281	-1.6%
Telephone Calls	36,119		37,247	-3.0%		30,269	19.3%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	48		10	380.0%		54	-11.1%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	1,362		1,736	-21.5%		1,377	-1.1%
Arrest Reports Processed	390		387	0.8%		357	9.2%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	46		19	142.1%		14	228.6%
Vehicle Impound Releases	129		114	13.2%		107	20.6%
Visitors at Counter	905		1,100	-17.7%		999	-9.4%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	6,405		8,729	-26.6%		6,632	-3.4%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	699		1,369	-48.9%		899	-22.2%
Warrants Entered	468		396	18.2%		517	-9.5%
Warrants Cleared	534		445	20.0%		576	-7.3%
Warrants Validated	1,831		1,336	37.1%		1,419	29.0%
Extradition / Transports	15		14	7.1%		19	-21.1%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	66		56	17.9%		55	20.0%
New Items Submitted	158		122	29.5%		204	-22.5%
Items Disposed	80		47	70.2%		12	566.7%

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 81.8% of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 15.2 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Attorney General's Office is responsible for 0 % of case submissions.

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 14 Contracts using 620.35 hours, billed in the amount of \$41,244.49

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
1312	20	184	36	13

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
647	417	71	180	136	84

Community service appearances: (19)

- Las Vegas College, Marc Kahre E.S., Perkins E.S., Helen Marie Smith E.S., Williams E.S.
- Arbor View H.S., Centennial H.S., Green Valley H.S., Silverado H.S., Chaparral H.S.

Additional Appearances and Meetings: (32)

- NHTSA teen aged seat belt conference call
- Southern Nevada Traffic Advisory Task Force
- IR 15 Coordinating meeting with NDOT, Cal-Trans, and CHP
- Ground Breaking for IR 215/Summerlin Parkway
- Nellis Air Force Base – First Term Airman's Course
- Traffic Safety Presentation for Boy Scouts (with Seat Belt Convincer)
- Guest presenter for Sunset Rotary
- Guest Speaker for Nevada Professional Drive School Association
- Organize and execute Nevada Leg of Drive 2 Remember Officer Tribute
- Special Olympics High School games at Western H.S.
- On-going training for Meth 360 Project
- Joining Forces Pedestrian Enforcement event w/Boulder City PD
- 2008 Boy Scout Jamboree (with Seat Belt Convincer)
- On-going discussions for OTS & STOP DUI // campaign with Al Unser Jr.
- Tape a series of Public Service Announcements with CBS Radio – For Joining Forces

PIO Projects:

1. HEAT Racing.
2. Driver's Edge Program.
3. Use of Seatbelt Convincer.
4. DUI simulator.